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Montgomery Mining District

Book C. a. 3

London

Montgomery Mining District Record
Of Locle Claims Book A

No 24	A. J. Williams	2	Certificates	1.50
"	Lebosse Bohm	1	"	7 50
"	Martin Malone	2	"	1 50
"	J. P. Taylor	1	"	7 50
"	Jno White	1	"	7 50
"	A. Van Sam	1	"	7 50
	Jno Kemp			6.00
	J. D. McCarty			1 50
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				2 "

Territory of Colorado }
County of Park } ss

I Sylvestus A Safford County Clerk an Recorder Do Hereby Certify that the within Records were Filed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Park and Territory of Colorado on the 29th day of August A.D. 1879

Sylvestus A Safford
County Clerk

Snow Blind District.
Gilpin Gulch

At a meeting of miners held at this district April 18th 1861. Richard Langdon was elected Chairman and George F Crocker Secretary.

On motion resolved to organize a district to be called Snow Blind District - Gilpin Gulch.

Resolved that the members of Prospecting Company be entitled to one discovery claim and one pre-emption claim each.

Resolved that after miners first draw for claims — Lots were then drawn resulting as follows: about Covey No 8 by R. F. Platt No 11 P. P. Gallis No 6 by J. Campbell No 5 J. J. Smith No 11 by O. Beaux No 3 J. J. A Jantin - No 15 by D. Lee No 14 by S. J. Warren No 18 by G. Crocker No 9 by John Kennedy by H. McHenry

On Motion resolved that parties present might draw for claims lost in McNulty Gulch. Lots were then drawn resulting as follows above discovery - No 9 by S. Platt No 7 by H. Baker No 10 by Mr. No 11 by M. A. Warren No 8 by J. No 6 by Cyrus Begg.

On motion resolved that Recorder have claim No 17 above discovery No 25 No 18 above Crocker No 12 below

On Motion resolved that Present Magistrate Absentees Johnson

Taken as will appear on file from No 19 to No 311 inclusive above discovery and from No 18 to No 26 inclusive below discovery

On motion Crocker, Pratt and Cummings were appointed a Committee to report a Code of Laws for the District — The Committee reported the following Code.

Sec 1 This District shall be called Snow Bluff District. — Gilpin Gulch and shall be bounded as follows — On the West by Ten Mile Creek running thence along the Gulch to the Summit of the Ridge on the East and extending one mile on each side of the Gulch

Sec 2 The officers shall be a Recorder, Stake Driver, Justice and Sheriff. and their term of Office one year

Sec 3 It shall be the duty of the Recorder to Keep a Correct record of claims filed with him for record and to act as Secretary at Miners Meetings

Sec 4 It shall be the duty of the Stake Driver to measure Stakes and Number all claims

Sec 5 It shall be the duty of the Justice to "hear" and try all Causes brought before him and on the Complaint made a trial by Jury when he shall cause six Competent Jurors to be Summoned who shall try the Cause and either party may appeal to a Jury of twelve and a verdict of ten shall be final — The party demanding a trial by Jury shall advance the Jury fees — Justice shall have power to issue attachments, writs

Executions and other necessary Papers

Sec 6 — It shall be the duty of the Sheriff to serve all Processes Executions &c —

Sec 7 — The Recorder shall call Miners Meetings on the request of five Miners to change the Laws or amend the same or to fill vacancies or provide for Criminal trials and for no other purpose

Sec 8 No person shall be entitled to vote at any Miners Meeting unless he owns a claim or a share therein in the District or unless he has recorded in the district for twenty days

Sec 9 — The claims already drawn for as appears by the records shall be staked by the Sheriff Deputy and held as then Stated by the parties thereto And hereafter all claims shall be claimed on the Ground by the Claimant in person and all claims shall be Recorded on or before May 21st 1861 and claims Staked after that date shall be recorded within Seven days after the Same Staked

Sec 10 — The Richard Langdon Prospecting Company Consisting of Richard Langdon H. A. Cummings Alex. Wood Felix Simons and C. S. Fay are declared Entitled to five claims above discovery and five claims below running East and West from the discovery Stake

Sec 11 — A meeting shall be held in this district on the 26th day of May for the purpose of recording the new claims at which time and place claims shall be disposed of and claims may be disposed of by such written authority And so on shall dispose of

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More than one person

Sec 12 - All transfers shall be recorded and no purchaser can represent a claim purchased till his deed is filed for record

Sec 13 - Gulch claims shall be 100 feet along the gulch and run from bank to bank - Patch or side claims shall be 100 feet square, ~~Lode claims~~ shall be 100 feet square and each person may take one Gulch claim in any gulch, one side or patch claim and one claim on each Lode by preemption

Sec 14 - The fee of the Recorder shall be for recording each claim or deed $1.00 The fee of Sheriff shall be for each claim staked 50¢ to be collected by the Recorder - The fees of Justice shall be for each trial $2.50 - for each Summons, writ or Execution or Venire 50¢ - Swearing each witness 25¢ - Docketing 50¢ - Entering Satisfaction of Judgement 50¢ - The fees of Sheriff shall be for serving each writ $1.00 - Summoning each witness 50¢ - Summoning Jurors each 25¢ - Mileage 25¢ - Ten per cent - on Collections under $100.00 - 5 per cent - on all amounts over $100.00 - Jurors Fees $2.00 - Witness fees $1.00

Fees to be collected as costs against the losing party - Party bringing suit to give bonds for costs

Sec 15 - Suits for title of contested claims shall be tried before the Justice of the Peace as other cases

George F. Cocken
Recorder

At a meeting of Miners held in this District May 20=1861 in accordance with Sec 11 of Laws adopted Apr 18=1861 the Meeting was called to order by Richard Langdon the Minutes of former Meeting read and approved roll of claims filed on called and answered to by their respective representatives

On motion resolved that claims in Gilpin Gulch hold good until July 1st. without ~~working~~ working All laws regarding the working of the same to be settled on that day

On motion resolved that this meeting adjourn to July 1st 1861 - with power to call a meeting previous, by giving ten days notice in California Gulch

H. A. Cummings
Secretary

Snow Bluff District
Gilpin Gulch

At a meeting of miners held in this gulch July 1st 1861 pursuant to adjournment the meeting was called to order by the chairman, the minutes of former meetings reading approved. Roll of claims called when the following claimants answered to their names. Richard Langdon. H. A. Cummings, James Smith, R. W. Heath, L. B. Seymour, John Kelly R. R. Woodmansee, Chas Fay & Lyman Fay, and Orlet Kinx & H. A Thomas

On motion resolved that all Claims not reported be declared vacant and subject to pre-emption the same as though never before filed on, in accordance with the resolutions of former meetings

On motion resolved that all claims be worked on or before the 10th day of this month and three days in every month thereafter on the same or forfeited unless excused by actions or business, unavoidable

On motion resolved that two or more parties owning claims jointly may represent the same by working one of them

On motion resolved to adjourn subject power to call another meeting by giving five days notice

H. A. Cummings
Secretary

This indenture Made and Entered into This the 18th day of Oct A.D. 1861 between B. F. Hyer of Montgomery Dist— Colorado Territory of the first part. And A. F. Post of the Dist— and Territory Above Mentioned of the Second part Witnesseth

That that the party of the first part for and in Consideration of the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars to him in hand paid the Receit of which is hereby acknowledged Do bargain Sell Transfer and quit Claim unto the party of the Second part all my right title and Interest in And to certain Mining Lodes Claims Situated in Distriet as above Specified Claim No (3) South on the Pendleton Lode, Kingston No (7) North, Clinton No (8) North Montgomery (6) North Empire State (1) North and (1/4) Interest in Discovery Union No (2) South and (1/4) Interest Discovery Nelson No (7) North Eldorado No (3) North Michigan No (6) South Prospect No (8) South Republican No 4 North Russian No (2) South, Chicago No (6) North, Rowley No (3) South, Allen No (7) South Rocky Mountain No Eleven North, Star 17 South Highland No (2) South, And the party of the first part further agree to warrant and defend the title against all persons whomsoever

Signed Sealed and delivered
Witness
A. Van Saun
John White

B. F. Hyer (Seal)

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Montgomery Organize

A Meeting Called by the Miners
August 22nd 1861

Meeting called to order by E.K. Stems
On motion by Langdon Sec by Crocker
that B. F. Hoyer be President of this Meeting
Carried

On motion by H. Ogden Sec by Langdon
that Alex Van Saun be Secretary of
this Meeting
Carried

On Motion by H. Ogden & Sec by
Fredway that this District be called the
Montgomery District
Carried

On Motion by H Ogden & Sec by Freeway
that a code of laws be enacted for
Montgomery District
Carried

On Motion by — Johnson & Sec
by Langdon that a Committee of five
be appointed to Enact Laws for this District
and Report the Same for adoption at the
next Meeting
Carried

On Motion by Langdon & Sec that
A Van Saun C. Fredway Samuel Johnson
H. Ogden C. S. Fay to draught Laws for
Montgomery District
Carried

On Motion by C Fredway & Sec that
the Meeting proceed to Elect a Recorder
Carried

The meeting proceeded to vote for Recorder
and C. S. Fay Receiving the largest
number of votes was duly Elected

The meeting went into ballot for President and B. F. Moyer Receiving the largest number vote was duly Elected

On Motion by C. W. Southmayd & Sec that the Meeting adjourn a week from to day Saturday August 31st 1861 2 o'clock

Carried

August 22d 1861

A Van Saun

Secretary

Montgomery City August 31st 1861

Meeting met pursuant to adjournment B. F. Moyer presiding C. S. Fay Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting was called for & Read

On Motion of A. Van Saun & Sec that the minutes be Accepted

Carried

On Motion by J. K. Shean & Sec that the Committee on Enacting Laws Report

Carried

On motion by A Van Saun & Sec that the report be Accepted

Carried

On motion by J. K. Shean & Sec that Each Article taken up & acted upon Seperately

Carried

(Article 17th was Rejected all the Articals was adopted

On Motion by R Langdon & Sec we have a Stake driven to measure & Stake off Each way from discovery also to number Each Stake

Carried

On Motion by E. N. Sterns & Sec that A. J. Williams be Stake Driver

Carried

On Motion by M Bandy & Sec that the Stake Driver Shall Commence & Stake & measure as Soon as practible after a Lode is discovered

Carried

On Motion by J. K. Shean & Sec that the Recorder Shall Receive 75¢ for Each Claim & 25¢ to be paid to the Stake driver for Every Claim So Staked & Measured

Carried

On Motion of E. N. Sterns & Sec that all Claims Recorded & Certificates Given Prior to this date & the holders of said certificates Shall pay the Stake Driver 25¢ for Eac certificate for Measuring & Staking and Numbering

Carried

On Motion by L Bradway & Sec that the Recorder Record no more than fifteen Claims Each way from the discovery

Carried

On Motion that this Meeting adjourn

Carried

C. S. Fay
Secretary

B. F. Dyer
Pres

Laurett City

Know all Men by these presents that I James Smith have this Seventh day of October A D 1861 Bargained Sold and Conveyed unto Jno Lycade the within described Lode Claim for the Consideration of One Hundred and Seventy five dollars the Receipt of which is hereby Acknowledged

Signed

James his X Smith mark

Witness

Montgomery Mining District

Feby 26 th 1862

Be it Known that Leyerly Rondall & Co did on the 24th day of Feby 1862 Claim a certain Gold Quartz Power or Mine situated on Platt River in Montgomery District & described as follows beginning at the Head of the flume of Fowler McHarry & Co's upper Dam & extending up said Stream 400 ft. & we further Claim the Entire Control of all the water which does now or may hereafter naturally run in said Stream within the limits of said Stream within the limits of said Claim Boundaries also sufficient Timber on either side of said Stream for Building Purposes & right of way for Roads for further Description reference is had to a Mark Tree standing at the Lower Boundary of said Claim and other monuments on the Ground

Leyerly Rondall & Co

Recorded this 26th Feby 1862

A Van Sant

J M McKinney Dpt Recorder

A Meeting Called by the President in accordance with the laws of the District as stated in Article 17th Sept 21st 1861 for the purpose of adjusting the Claims of the Ogden and Allen Lodes and the transaction of such business as may come before the Meeting.

The Meeting was Called to order by the President H T Dyer and Lyman Gay Deputy Secretary

The following Resolution was read by H T Dyer and Adopted by the Meeting

Resolved

That at the Office of State Driver as Exists at present in the Montgomery Mining Dist be and is hereby Abolished And that the Driver is hereby Constituted State Driver of all Lodes may Discover and receive a fee of twenty cents for Claim All Lodes already Discovered and not staked are included in the above Resolution

The following Resolution offered by Haight as Amended by D J Coleman was Adopted by the Meeting

Resolved

That any person or persons taking a water Claim and conforming the same shall hold said water Claim without Record Provided or they shall return the water used to the original Channel at the shortest possible point

Carried

On Motion that the Meeting adjourn

L Gay Dep Secretary

Be it known that A Calhoun and W Elliott has this day Preempted and Recorded Three Hundred and Twenty acres of Land for Manufacturing purposes Situated on and near the Summit of the Mountain North and North West of the Town Site of Montgomery Colorado Territory and described as follows Commencing at a point one half Mile due North from the North West Corner of the Town Site of Montgomery Colorado Territory thence West one half Mile thence North one half Mile thence East one Mile thence South one half Mile thence West one half Mile to the place of Beginning Containing three hundred and twenty Acres

Recorded Oct 7th 1861

Point

C. S. Day Recorder

This is to certify that I have this day Entered and Staked for Manufacturing purposes the Claim above described. Claim bounded as follows Commencing twenty Rods N. E. of Mr Richardsons House & Running South fifteen Rods East. thence forty Rods N. thence twenty four Rods W. thence forty Rods S. thence ten Rods E. to place of beginning the northern limit of the Town of Montgomery being the Southern limit of this Claim.

Witness my hand this 12th Feb 1862

H. M. Denny

H M Ennis

for H. M Denny

Recorded this 14 day of Feby A.D. 1862

A. Evans Scribe

J. M. Dewey Dep

For the Consideration of Five Hundred dollars in hand paid by H. M. Garey & George Turner I do bargain Sell & Convey One undivided half of Claim No (6) Six North from the discovery on the Pendleton Lode & one undivided half of No (8) Eight North from the discovery on the Edward Lode & one & One undivided half of Claim No (1) One North from discovery on the Summit Lode in Montgomery District Colorado Territory the Receipt of which is hereby Acknowledged

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Also one undivided half Water Claim situated the first above Pendletons Claim on the Platte River in Montgomery District Colorado Territory

Given at Montgomery City Sept 11th 1861

Witness Richard Langdon
Alex Van Dann
David Kepner — Page 42 Book Transfers

Know all Men by these presents that I John Crowley for and in Consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars in hand paid by Jacob Snyder the receipt of which is hereby Acknowledged Bargain Sell and Convey to Said Snyder all my right title and interest in and to Claim No Eleven (11) North from the Discovery on the Golden the Montgomery Mining District Colorado Territory

Witness my hand and Seal this 19th Sept A D 1861

Witness Montgomery C
Lyman Gay Signed John Crowley
H. C. Sexton

Pay

Montgomery Mining District
Colorado Territory Sept 11th 1861

Be it known that we the undersigned are joint and equal partners in the following described Mining Claims situated and being in the above named Mining District to wit

No One on the Montgomery Lode South from Discovery
" Discovery " " "
" Four " " " South "
" Eastern Union " " North "
" Twelve Kingston " " "
" Eighteen Pendleton " " "
" Twelve Wilson " " "
" Sixteen Empire State " " "
" Seven Clinton " " "
" Seventeen Pendleton " " "

Witness our hands & seals this 11th day Sept 1861

Witness.
Lyman Jay
R Langdon

Signed
George Turner
C M Gurney
Chas A Root
Thos A Thompson

B A 45 Be it Known that C Greenbury & S. Finch have this the 3rd day of Sept 1861 preempted & Recorded Ranching claims, commencing at a Marked tree on the R & River bank & Extending one mile up the the Stream & including the whole Valley of the same

Montgomery Sept 3rd 1861

B. F. Dyer President C. S Fay Recorder

Sept 7th 1861 Be it Known that Jones Cooper & Co. has this day Claimed and Recorded 300 ft on North Side of the Platte River Commencing Opposite Vernon Dale Race Running down the River 300 ft for their grist Mill, the above Company Claims nothing but the use of the water on the North Side of the River & to be used on the South Side

Recorded in My Office This the 7th day of September A. D. 1861

Montgomery City

C. S Fay Rec

B. F. Dyer Pres

Sept 10th Delaware Caleb Pleasant Park District

Know all men by thes presents that P. H. Nathan do this day bargain Sell and convey to John D. Pell all of my right title and interest in and to Claim No 2 South from the Discovery claim on the Heaton's lode in the Montgomery Mining District for the Consideration of $500.00 Five Hundred Dollars Me in hand pair, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged

Witness my hand and Seal this 4th day of September A. D. 1861

Attest P. H. Nathan

George Jones

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Montgomery District

Organized August 4th 1861

Article 1st This District Shall be known as The Montgomery Mining District.

Article 2nd The Boundries of this District Shall be as follows. Commencing at a point due South of Sheans Cabbin in the centre of the Platte River, Thence westerly along the centre of the Platte River to the Summit of the Divide between the Platte and Arkansa Rivers, Thence North to the Summit of the divide between the waters of the Platte and Blue Rivers, Thence Easterly along the Summit of the divide to a point due North of Sheans Cabbin, Thence South to the centre of the Platte, the place of beginning.

Article 3rd The Officers of this District Shall Consist of one President & one Secretary

Article 4th The Duty of the President Shall be to Call & preside at all Meetings of the Miners of this District, Also to act As Justice of the Peace of the District

Article 5th The duty of the Secretary Shall be to attend all Meetings of the miners of this District & keep a true Record of the proceedings of the Same, Also to Record all claims upon application of the claimant for which he Shall Receive from said applicant a fee of fifty Cents, & also one Dollar for each Transfer

Article 6th

All Lode Claims Shall be one hu
feet on the Lode Twenty Five feet E
Side thereof provided no other Lode
within that Distance, in that case
the distance Shall be Equally divi
between them

Article 7th

Any person making a Discovery within this
District Shall be entitled to one claim by
Discovery & one by Preemption, any other
person is Entitled to hold one claim by
preemption upon Each Discovery within t
District, also Each person can preempt
Claim for an actual partner.

Article 8th

All claimants Shall have five day
to get their claims Recorded after
otherwise it Shall be open for preem

Article 9th

All Gold or Silver Lodes Claim
Within this District when prope
and Regulary Recorded Shall b
may be Conveyed as Real Estate in
Simple.

Article 10th

All claims other than Lod
& Bonafide Purchase claimes in
District if left without worki
for the Space of twenty Days afte
1862 Shall be considered to
be Subject to preemption
of Six Persons of the Owners
person or persons hold af
& are at work upon one of t
Shall be con dered

Article 11th In case of conflict between Lode, Gulch, Flat, Bar, Hill or Placer claims, the oldest claim on record shall have priority

Article 12th Any person owning claims shall have the right of way upon claims above or below him for the purpose of ditching or draining but shall not be allowed to construct said ditch or drain in such a manner as to damage said claim or claims or the works upon them

Article 13th The right to Locate upon vacant or unclaimed Territory Claims for Mill sites and water powers shall be recognized. But no such claim or claims shall be considered valid until the party or parties making said claims shall make reasonable demonstrations towards the use and occupancy of the same.

Article 14th No Person or Persons shall be allowed to hold more Territory as a Mill site or water power than shall be necessary absolutely for his Mill and its appurtenances.

Article 15th No Person or Persons shall be Entitled to a discovery on a Lode until the crevice shall be found and opened. Subsequent claims may be taken by numbers each way from the Discovery and upon being Recorded shall hold good.

Article 16th All Gulch Bank Flat Bar or Placer claims taken in this district may be one hundred feet square

Article 17th Meetings of this District shall be held at the call of the President upon application of ten resident Miners of the District. And such or Parties shall state the object of such call and the President shall be required to give five days notice to the Miners of this District by posting three written notices

Article 18th No Person shall be entitled to vote at any Miners Meeting unless he own a claim or a share therein or unless he has resided in the District twenty days

Article 19th

The Meeting shall elect a Clerk and his duty shall be to record and Measure all Lodes in this District for which shall receive twenty five cents for each and every claim

Section 2nd

Article 1st All civil or Criminal cases be tried and settled by one of the following methods. to wit. By the Justice of the Peace or by a Jury of six Miners, to be summoned shall try the case. And either Party may to a jury of twelve jurors and their decision shall be final. The Party demanding the shall advance the Jury fees

Article 2d The Justice Shall have power to Warrants and Summons administer oath a Sheriff or a Marshal to execute Warrants and to send for persons issue Subpoenas Summons Juro

Article 3d The Clerk of the Court Shall furnish the Sheriff or Marshall with a list of the names of Six Resident Miners and either party to the Case Shall have the right ~~to right~~ to Challenge in a Civil Case Four and in a Criminal Case as many as have formed or Expressed an opinion

Article 4th The Justice Shall have power to appoint the time of trial in all civill or Criminal cases that may be brought before him or a Jury of miners and he may continue the Case from one date to a Subsequent one upon Sufficient Cause being Shown by a party to the cause

Artical 5th The fees of Justice Shall be for each Trial $2.50 for Each Summons writ Execution or venire 50¢ Entering Judgment $1.00 & Satisfaction of Judgment 50¢ Docketing 50 Each Entry 25¢ Sheriff fees Shall be for Serving Each writ 50¢ Summoning each witness 50¢ Summoning Jurors Each 25¢ Mileage 25¢ Ten (per Cent on all Collections under $100.00 Five per Cent on all Amounts over $1000 Jurors fees $2.00 witness fees $1.00 Fees to be Collected as cost against the loosing party — Parties trying Suit to give bonds for cost

Artical 6th That this District have One Stake driver he Shall Stake off Each way from discovery also number each Stake for which he Shall receive 25¢ for Each Number on Said Stake, Also Shall Commence & measure as Soon Convenient after a Lode is Recorded & Records Shall Collect 25 ct for Each Lod on the Stake Driver

Critical 7th Suits for title to Contested
Claims Shall be tried before the
Justice of the Peace as other Cases